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Mr. John Bradburne, President Fluor Daniel Fernald, Inc. P.O. Box 538704 Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8704

Dear Mr. Bradburne:

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT REPROGRAMMING

Reference: Memorandum, from R. Wycoff to D. Rast, "Generator Fee for Fernald for

Fiscal Year 1997", dated February 5, 1997

The Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office (DOE-NV) has offered the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) a reduced waste disposal rate based on our ability to increase shipments of bulk waste for disposal. This reduced rate of \$7.75 per cubic foot will allow the site to avoid \$1.4 million in disposal fees.

Please take action to increase the volume of waste to be shipped in Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 under the conditions in the enclosed reference. This office will reprogram funds from disposal dollars based on the change proposal for this activity.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Rast at 648-3138.

Sincerely,

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✓ Jack R. Craig

**Enclosure: As Stated** 

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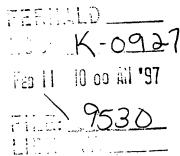
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David-M. Rast, DOE Fernald Area Office, Cincinnati, OH

#### GENERATOR FEE FOR FERNALD FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

As you know, DOE Nevada Operations Office (DOE/NV), Waste Management Division, has initated a flexible generator fee policy. The fee will be based on yearly volume, shipping schedule, special conditions of the waste, i.e., classified, asbestos-contaminated, and packaging. Based on the information provided to our office, we would like to offer you the disposal rate of \$7.75 per cubic foot for fiscal year 97. This rate is contingent on the following criteria:

- 1. Fernald Environmental Management Project will send a minimum of 612,000 cubic feet of low-level radioactive waste in FY 97 to be disposed of on the Nevada Test Site.
- 2. This waste will be received on an even schedule, approximately ten shipments per week.
- 3. Approximately half of the waste will be shipped in Sealand containers.

This rate also includes a surcharge for the asbestos-contaminated waste. It should be noted that this rate is only valid under the scenario listed above. If waste volumes, shipping schedule, packaging requirements, and special conditions fall above or below that which is stipulated, the rate per cubic foot will be adjusted up or down depending on the change in the scenario.

Also, a percentage of your fee will be charged to the disposal site on a on-going basis to maintain the facility and other low-level waste projects whether or not waste is received at the facilities. This office will offer no refunds at the end of the fiscal year. Any remaining dollars will be assessed a percentage fee that would cover the fixed cost of maintaining the facility. It is requested that you send the funds to DOE/NV as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Carol A. Shelton, of my staff, at (702) 295-0286.

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DOE NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE RADIOACTIVE WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM FACILITY EVALUATION-SCHEDULES.

This memorandum is to provide the subject schedules for the last two quarters of Fiscal Year 1997 (FY97) and the triennial audits, enclosure 1 and 2, respectively. The Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) personnel will be conducting the facility evaluations according to the Nevada Test Site Waste Acceptance Criteria, NTSWAC, Revision 0.

With the implementation of the new NTSWAC and review process, an explanation is provided below.

## **Facility Evaluation Background**

The majority of the NTSWAC was implemented under memorandum Wycoff to Distribution, dated September 5, 1996. The entire NTSWAC will be implemented on March 1, 1997. The NTSWAC describes facility evaluations as being annual assessments, audits, or surveillances. The NTSWAC also implements a triennial audit process. The remainder of FY97 only identifies annual assessments (enclosure 1). First time audits for some NTS-designated generator facilities have not been identified on the schedule and will be added as needed. To allow for greater flexibility and implementation of the process described below, the evaluation dates are scheduled by the month. This is different from the previously issued schedules which provided target weeks for the evaluations.

#### **Annual Assessment Information Submittal**

A generator Waste Acceptance Package (WAP) demonstrating program compliance to the NTSWAC must be forwarded to their RWAP point-of-contact at least three weeks before the first of the month in which their annual assessment is scheduled. As stated by the NTSWAC, the WAP includes the Waste Certification Program Plan (WCPP), Waste Profile(s) (WP), and a list of authorized certification personnel. The WP(s) submitted must include currently approved waste streams being requested for reapproval and may include proposals for new waste stream approvals. A copy of the current generator internal assessment report(s) should be forwarded along with the WAP. Please see the NTSWAC or call your RWAP point-of-contact regarding possible variations for Low-Volume Generators.

As the implementation of the NTSWAC proceeds, generators will be notified if submittal requirements are changed.

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# **Early Information Submittal**

Submittal of WP(s) in advance of an annual assessment to facilitate your transition to the NTSWAC or to propose a new waste stream(s) is acceptable. WPs will be reviewed in a process similar to an annual assessment which is decsribed below. Early submittals will be added to the evaluation schedule as soon as possible, however, annual assessments and new waste streams will have priority over document transitions (approved waste streams to a WP).

Even with early submittals, we anticipate conducting an annual assessment as scheduled.

#### **Evaluation Process**

An <u>audit</u> of a generator facility will be conducted similar to those previously performed; therefore, a discussion on audits is not included.

<u>Annual assessments</u> are anticipated to be conducted as a table-top review in Nevada. Generator personnel are not expected to participate in the table-top review unless specifically requested by RWAP or the generator.

Unlike triennual audits, annual assessments will be limited in scope and concentrate on evaluating program changes and program performance. Typical changes RWAP will be evaluting include changes to a waste process or key personnel and addition of new waste streams. Key areas for evaluating program performance will be volumes shipped, operational concerns, and review of the generator's current internal assessment.

The generator information received by the RWAP point-of-contact will be routed to RWAP and/or the newly formed Waste Acceptance Review Panel (WARP). The RWAP staff will review the WAP and internal assessment(s) and participate in the WARP as requested. The WARP will review WP(s) and assist RWAP in facility evaluation activities as needed. On occasion, generator personnel will be requested to participate (i.e., teleconference or physical attendance) in meeting(s) to discuss their information. The generator personnel will be notified of those occasions as soon as possible. We **strongly encourage** generator participation when requested as it will streamline information exchange and expedite the approval process.

A corrective action request (CAR) could be generated at anytime. The WARP and RWAP personnel will jointly determine if a follow-up evaluation is necessary. Follow-up evaluations are **not** included on the subject schedule. They will be arranged on an as-needed-basis. Follow-up evaluations may include a visit to the generator facility.

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At the completion of an evaluation, <u>approval</u> recommendation(s) will be made by RWAP with input from the WARP. The approval recommendation will be submitted through the Waste Management Division Director to the DOE/NV Assistant Manager for Environmental Management and issued according to the NTSWAC.

## Schedule Changes

Schedule changes, should they occur, will be handled on a case-by-case basis. It is important to communicate requests for schedule changes to your appropriate RWAP point-of-contact as soon as possible. A revised triennial audit and FY-specific schedule will be issued every year; however, we do not anticipate reissuing the FY97 schedule as it gets modified. Sharing information on the updates to the FY97 schedule will be the responsibility of the RWAP and generator point-of-contacts.

If you have any questions, please call me at (702) 295-5751 or the appropriate RWAP point-of-contact for your facility.

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Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program

Waste Management Division

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# Enclosure 1

# FY 1997 - 3rd and 4th quarter RWAP FACILITY EVALUATION SCHEDULE

GENERATOR	RWAP POC	FACILITY EVALUATION	MONTH
Mound	Wendy Griffin (702) 295-5751	Annual Assessment	April
IT Las Vegas	Gary Pyles (702) 295-2969	Annual Assessment	
APG	Kevin Leary (702) 295-0184	Annual Assessment	April
RMI	Pyles	Annual Assessment	May
LLNL	Pyles	Annual Assessment	May
Rocketdyne	Pyles	Annual Assessment	June
Bechtel Nevada	Pyles	Annual Assessment	June
SNL/NM	Leary	Annual Assessment	July
FEMP	Leary	Annual Assessment	July
AlliedSignal	Pyles	Annual Assessment	August
Rocky Flats	Pyles	Annual Assessment	August

An audit of Oak Ridge and surveillances of Pinellas and Pantex were conducted the first quarter of FY97. The FY97 schedule above starts in conjunction with the implementation of the NTSWAC, Revision 0. SNL/CA, Pantex, and General Atomics are anticipated to have their annual assessments scheduled early in FY 1998 (i.e., October, November).

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RWAP Team Leader			/	

#### RWAP TRIENNIAL AUDIT SCHEDULE

GENERATOR	RWAP POC	FISCAL YEAR (FY)
AlliedSignal	Pyles	FY98
RMI	Pyles	FY98
ITRI	Leary	FY98
General Atomics	Pyles	FY98
Mound	Griffin	FY98
APG	Leary	FY98
Rocky Flats	Pyles	FY99
FEMP	Leary	FY99
Rocketdyne	Pyles	FY99
LLNL	Pyles	FY99
SNL/NM	Leary	FY99
IT Las Vegas	Pyles	FY99
Pantex	Leary	FY00
Bechtel Nevada	Pyles	FY00
SNL/CA	Leary	FY00
Pinellas	Leary	FY00
*Oak Ridge	Griffin	FY00

Generator facilities listed above may qualify as Low-Volume Generator (LVG) according to the NTSWAC. An annual assessment will replace the audit activity for those that qualify as LVG in the fiscal year they are scheduled to have a triennial audit. In addition, to accommodate an even distribution of the triennial audit activities, some of the triennial audits are **not** scheduled on the third year out from the previous audit.

<sup>\*</sup>Oak Ridge may be subjected to an audit earlier than FY00 depending on the approach to consolidate programs between their facilities (i.e., K25, Y12, etc). This also applies to any other facility that finds themselves in a similar situation.

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